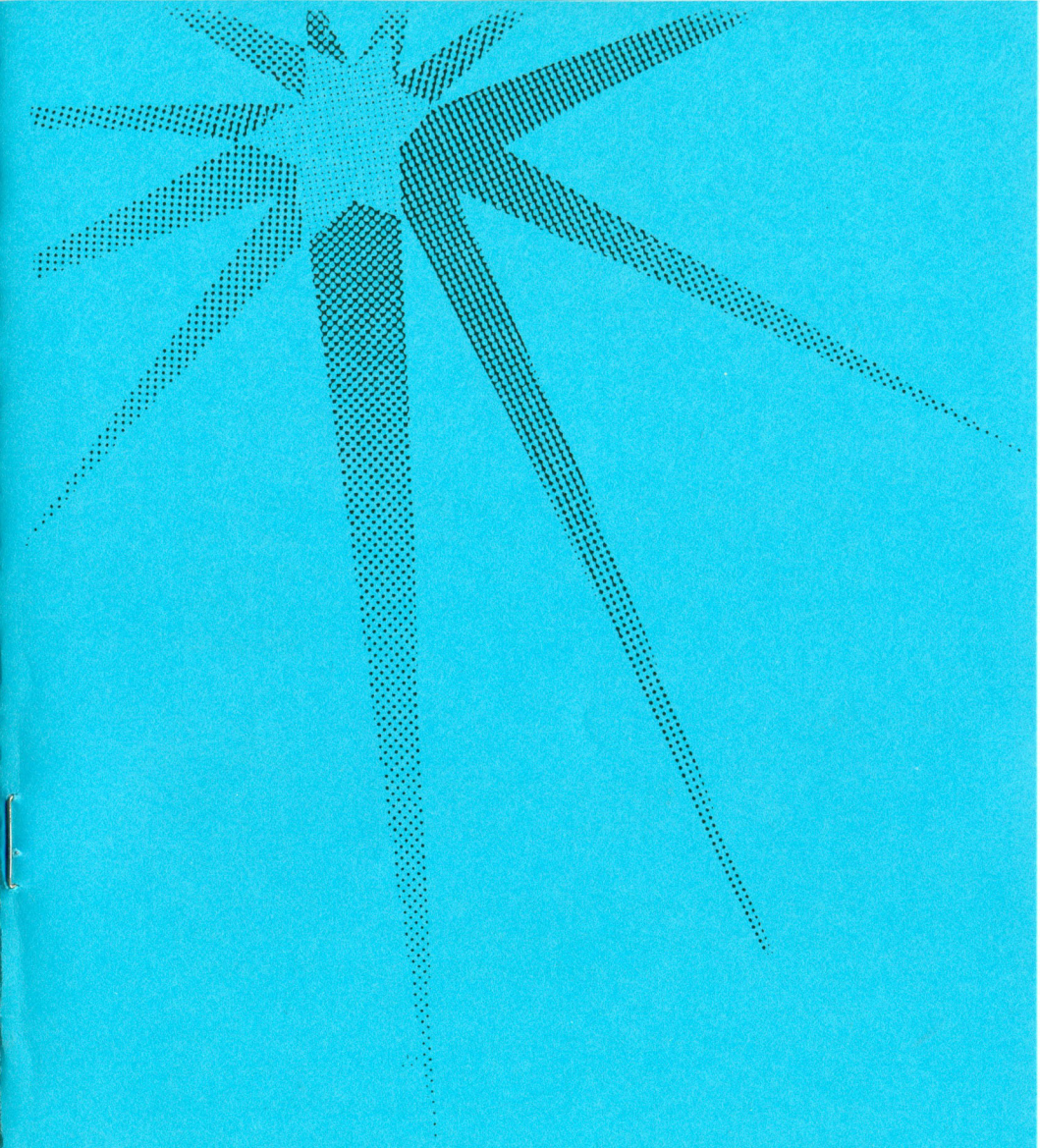


World AIDS Day

1 December 1995 - 7:30pm

ST. MARK'S CHURCH - PHILADELPHIA

A SERVICE OF EUCHARIST AND HEALING

Prelude — Three Slow Airs — J. S. Bach
Brad Young, *recorder*

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Entrance Hymn 304 — Land of Rest

Opening Acclamation, Hymnal S 76

Introit and Kyrie *(Choir)* — G. Fauré

Grant them rest eternal, Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Hymns are due thee, God in Zion, and an offering to thee shall be restored in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer; to thee all flesh shall come. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

Collect — Page 504

THE WORD OF GOD

(The people are seated)

First Lesson — Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

(Silent reflection)

Psalm 42 *(said in unison)* Page 643

Second Lesson Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

(Silent reflection)

Sequence Hymn 449 Deo gracias

Gospel John 6:37-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel...according to John.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily The Rev'd Lynn P. Lampman
Coordinator of Advocacy, Episcopal Community Services

A Litany in the Time of HIV/AIDS

God the Creator, *have mercy on us.*
God the Redeemer, *have mercy on us.*
God the Sanctifier, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*
Blessed Mary, *pray for us.*
Blessed Michael, *pray for us.*
Blessed Joseph, *pray for us.*
Blessed Mark, *pray for us.*
Blessed Francis of Assisi, *pray for us.*
Blessed Julian of Norwich, *pray for us.*
Blessed Martin Luther King, *pray for us.*
Blessed Florence Nightingale, *pray for us.*
Blessed martyrs of God, *pray for us.*
Blessed saints and angels, *pray for us.*

Draw near to us, O God,
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
Be present in our sorrow, sickness, and pain,
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
Hear us when we cry to you,
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
Forgive us our transgressions,
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

We pray for the creation, the planets and stars, and the earth our home.
Help us to be committed and humble stewards.
We pray for the universal Church, for Edmond, our Presiding Bishop, for Allen and Franklin, our bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers.
Give us grace to show your glory in the world.
We pray for our President, and the leaders of all nations.
May they govern with courage and be guided by compassionate strength.
We pray for the abiding presence and comfort of your Holy Spirit,
For it is by grace alone that we shall prosper.
We pray for courage to walk with those who are living with HIV.
Encourage our hearts and open our hands.

We pray for those who are afflicted with HIV and with any other illness, grief or trouble.

Give us relief and quietness of spirit.

We pray for all HIV caregivers, hospital workers, and researchers.

Be with them in their tasks, enliven their spirits, and grant success in your time.

We pray for the families, friends, and loved ones of persons living with HIV.

Fill them with your healing and redemptive love.

We pray for the frightened, the timid, and those who breed fear.

Loosen our bonds and help us to grow more and more into the likeness of Christ.

We pray for the dying.

May they know the light and joy of your presence.

We pray for those who have died of AIDS, and for all the departed.

May angels surround them and saints welcome them in peace.

O Christ, hear us. *O Christ, hear us.*
Lord, have mercy; *Christ, have mercy;* Lord, have mercy.

God of the living and the dead: Pour out the abundance of your grace upon us and show us the comfort of those who have gone before. Strengthened in this communion of love and aided by their prayers, may we continue steadfast and faithful in our time on earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PLACING OF NAMES ON MEMORIAL QUILT OF STARS
and
THE LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR HEALING

At this time, anyone wishing to receive the laying on of hands in healing for themselves or on behalf of others may come to one of the stations. The laying on of hands in Christian healing is an outward sign of God's presence in God's gift of healing, wholeness and reconciliation.

Those participating as healers are bound to absolute confidentiality. Whatever communication, prayer or counsel may be exchanged is between God and the person seeking healing. Family members and friends may join you at the healing station and in the laying on of hands.

Hymn 469 St. Helena

The Peace *(Please be seated after exchanging the Peace)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION
The Offertory

Procession and Presentation of Gifts

This evening's offering is designated for the work of Betak and for St. Mark's Christ AIDS All ministry.

Offertorium *(Choir)* G. Fauré

O Lord Jesus Christ, king of glory, free the souls of the dead from the punishment of hell and from the deep lake, from the lion's mouth, lest Tartarus swallow [them], lest they fall into shadow. Sacrifices and prayers of praise we offer to thee, Lord, receive thou [them] in behalf of those souls whose memorial we make today. Make them, Lord, to cross from life to death, which once you promised to Abraham and his seed. Amen.

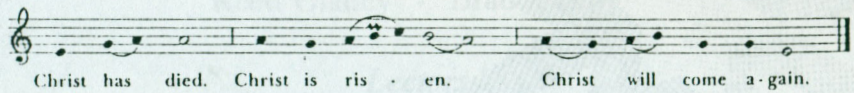
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A Page 361

Lift up your hearts, Hymnal S 120

Sanctus *(Choir)* G. Fauré

Memorial Acclamation



The Lord's Prayer *(traditional)* Page 364

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion

(All Baptized persons are invited to share in the Holy Communion)

Pie Jesu *(Shannon Coulter, soprano)* G. Fauré

Blessed Jesus, Lord, grant them rest; grant them eternal rest.

Communion of the People

Please come to receive Communion as the ushers direct

Agnus Dei *(Choir)* G. Fauré

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Let light shine upon them, Lord, with thy saints in heaven, since thou art faithful. Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and let light eternal shine upon them.

Libera me *(Choir)* G. Fauré

Free me, Lord, from eternal death, in that terrifying day, when the heavens and earth must be moved, when thou wilt come to judge the world through fire. I become terrified and I fear when judgment has come, and wrath is yet to come--that day, day of wrath, of calamity and misery, that day, that great and very bitter day. Grant them eternal rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Free me, Lord, free me.

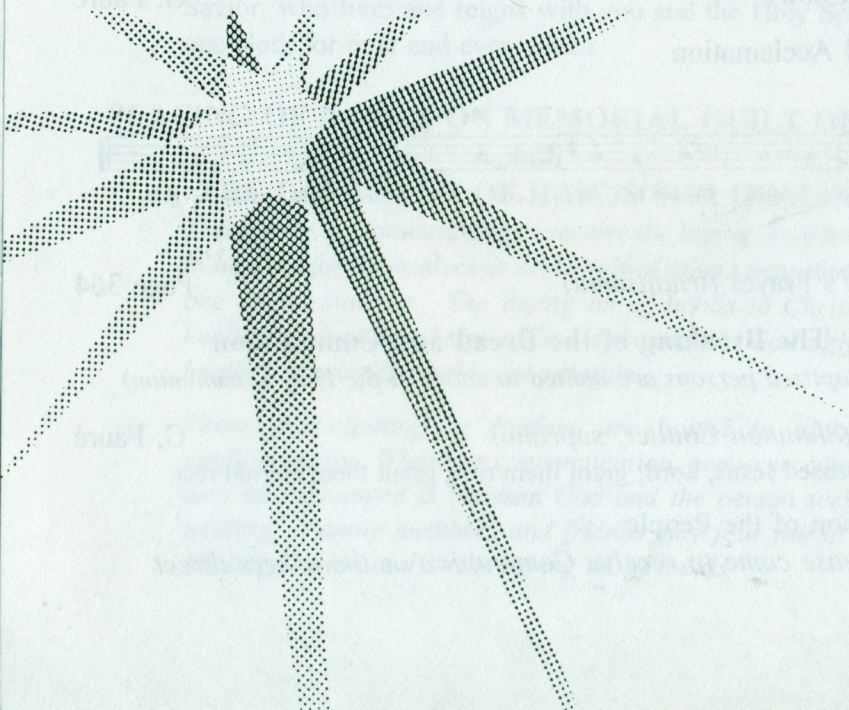
Prayer after Communion Page 366

Blessing & Dismissal, Hymnal S 174

Hymn 68 Llangloffan

In Paradisum *(Choir)* G. Fauré

Let angels receive you into Paradise; let martyrs receive you at your arrival and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem. Let choirs of angels receive you and with Lazarus, once a pauper, let you have eternal rest.



Celebrant
The Rev'd Paulette T. Schiff

Deacon
The Rev'd Ruth J. Hindley

Sub-Deacon
Kathleen McKenna

Homilist
The Rev'd Lynn P. Lampman

Healing Stations
The Rev'd Dr. Robert W. Carlson
The Rev'd Dr. Barbara T. Duncan
The Rev'd James H. Littrell
The Rev'd James B. Robertson

Acolytes
Reed Gladey - Brad Young

Lectors
Cassie Epting - Julie Goff

Musicians
The Choir of Saint Mark's Church
Wesley D. Parrott, Organist/Choirmaster

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This Service was organized by the members of St. Mark's Christ AIDS All ministry and we thank all of them for their prayerful and creative help.

New translations of the Latin propers of the Requiem were provided by Mary Stewart.

The leaflet cover and the Memorial Quilt of Stars were designed by Dan Devlin. Frames for the Memorial were designed and made by William Cox.

Two panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt are displayed in the front of the church. First displayed in Washington in 1987, the mission of the Quilt is to illustrate the enormity of the AIDS epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics, and to offer a creative form of expression to all those whose lives have been affected by HIV and AIDS. More information is available at the ushers' table.

The portable altar is vested with the St. Mark's AIDS Memorial Frontal. The leaves of the cruciform tree of life contain the names of individuals who have died from AIDS as well as many who have ministered as care givers, advocates and educators.

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